

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-17
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued April 10, 2001)

On February 28, 2001, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint), filed a fifth amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement to add a section concerning waiving the internal requirement for 911 and E-911 access to lines used for a new Dial IP product to be offered by Sprint. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-97-17. The Utilities Board (Board), on October 6, 1997, had approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On March 7, 2001, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment if it finds either (1) the agreement or

amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or (2) the implementation of the agreement or amendment is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Amendment No. 5 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on February 28, 2001, by U S West Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of April, 2001.